

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO DESIGNATE THE "JOEL T. BROYHILL POSTAL BUILDING" AND THE "JOSEPH L. FISHER POST OFFICE"

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OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 31, 2000

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege as the representative of the 10th Congressional District of Virginia to introduce today legislation which would designate two U.S. postal buildings located in Northern Virginia to honor former Congressmen Joel T. Broyhill and Joseph L. Fisher, both of whom served as the representative of Virginia's 10th District. Joining me in support are Northern Virginia Congressmen TOM DAVIS and JIM MORAN.

THE HONORABLE JOEL T. BROYHILL

Born in Hopewell, Virginia, November 4, 1919, the Honorable Joel T. Broyhill was first elected to the Eighty-third Congress in 1952 as a Republican and served for 22 years as the representative of the 10th District. He was the first Member of Congress to represent the newly created congressional district. He began his congressional service as a member of the then House Post Office and Civil Service Committee and District of Columbia Committee and later became a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Assisting the people he represented was the cornerstone of his service in Congress. According to the Almanac of American Politics 1972: "There were few offices that took care of constituents' needs and complaints with more efficiency." The Almanac also describes Congressman Broyhill as a Member of Congress that "should be credited with voting his conscience."

Congressman Broyhill is a decorated veteran and for four years served bravely along with thousands of other young American soldiers in World War II as a captain in the 106th Infantry Division. At the age of 25, Captain Broyhill fought in one of the most decisive and costly conflicts of WWII—the "Battle of Bulge." He was taken prisoner and held in a German POW camp until he heroically escaped and was able to rejoin advancing Allied forces.

Congressman Broyhill has dedicated most of his life to serving his country in both a public and military capacity. His commitment and devotion to public service is deserving of recognition, and it is appropriate that the postal building at 3409 Lee Highway in Merrifield, Virginia, be renamed in his honor. Congressman Broyhill is the father of three daughters and one stepdaughter, and resides today in Arlington, Virginia.

THE LATE HONORABLE JOSEPH L. FISHER

Born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, January 11, 1914, the late Congressman Joseph L.

Fisher was first elected as the representative of the 10th District in 1974 as a Democrat and began his service in the Ninety-fourth Congress. He served for three terms as the second Member of Congress to represent Virginia's 10th Congressional District.

Congressman Fisher held a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University and served as a Senior Economic Advisor on the Council of Economic Advisors during the Truman Administration. During his six years in Congress he was a member of the House Ways and Means and Budget committees and earned a reputation for his diligent work on taxation, energy and budget policy. He also served as the chair of seven task forces all charged with important national policy issues.

He held the position of economist at the U.S. Department of State, before serving his country in World War II in the Pacific theater from 1943 to 1946. He was elected to the Arlington County Board in 1963 and became an advocate for regional air, water pollution, and transit improvement projects. He also served as chairman of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

After his service in Congress, he continued his public service during Virginia Governor Charles S. Robb's administration as secretary of human resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He was also a professor of political economy at George Mason University and chairman of the National Academy of Public Administration. He also served as head of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the church's international administrative body.

Former Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder once stated, "Joe proved how well one can serve the people. He did it every day, pushing for the kinds of things that would truly improve the quality of life for all of his constituents."

Congressman Fisher dedicated his life to public service and was a committed advocate of the causes in which he believed. It is fitting to recognize his service and commitment by renaming the post office located at 3118 Washington Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, in tribute to him. Congressman Fisher died in Arlington, Virginia, February 19, 1992, and is survived by his wife Margaret, seven children, 16 grandchildren, and two great grandsons.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation to honor two former members for their dedicated public service.

H.R. —

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. JOEL T. BROYHILL POSTAL BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8409 Lee Highway in Merrifield, Virginia, shall be known and designated as the "Joel T. Broyhill Postal Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other

record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Joel T. Broyhill Postal Building".

SEC. 2. JOSEPH L. FISHER POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3118 Washington Boulevard in Arlington, Virginia, shall be known and designated as the "Joseph L. Fisher Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Joseph L. Fisher Post Office".

COMMENDING DAVE SHEA OF COLCHESTER, CT, FOR 38 YEARS OF TEACHING

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Dave Shea of Colchester, Connecticut for 38 years of teaching in eastern Connecticut. Mr. Shea exemplifies the extraordinary dedication and commitment of teachers across our nation.

Mr. Shea began his teaching career nearly four decades ago in the RHAM school system. After one year, he joined the faculty of Bacon Academy in Colchester where he taught until his retirement. Dave Shea has taught science and physical education. During his career at Bacon, he also served as the long-time coach of the boys' varsity basketball team. Dave has said that one of his most memorable moments came when the team won the State Championship in 1981. Dave has achieved many other milestones during his coaching career, including being one of only sixteen coaches statewide to have 400 wins in any one sport. He has also been recognized by his peers for his achievements. He was named Basketball Coach of the Year in 1983 by the Connecticut High School Association and Eastern Connecticut High School Coach of the Year in 1998. Dave has also coached baseball and girls' basketball. He will continue to remain active at Bacon as a coach in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, on January 3, after 38 years of teaching, Dave Shea retired from Bacon Academy. Although he will not be presiding over gym class on a daily basis, he will continue to be involved in his community as a coach, a mentor and a resource for those entering the teaching profession. I join the residents of Colchester in wishing Dave Shea all the best. We look forward to seeing him on the sidelines and in the community for years to come.

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